

GLASGOW ANARCHIST GROUP

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AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

1.

Our organisation in theory and practice promotes the destruction of all forms of capitalism and state oppression. The capitalist mode of production is based on the exploitation of labour. As the state machine protects this mode of production it cannot be utilised to achieve an equalitarian society. We therefore concentrate our methods of struggle by direct action in industry and in the community. Diverse forms of strike and protest are supported.

2.

As the trade unions divide and subdivide the workforce, an alternative form of organisation must be constructed. We advocate organisation in industry on a class basis embracing all workers; skilled, semi-skilled and non-skilled.

Local autonomy prevails at the respective workplaces where committees are formed by the assemblage of the workforce. These committees are subject to instant recall.

To fortify our organisation, committees are federated locally, regionally and nationally in any given industry. This applies to all industries throughout.

Then all these national federations or networks are linked in a national confederation of labour. Here we have the maximum of flexibility allowing action to be taken at local, regional or national level as circumstances demand.

3.

This situation also pertains in the community; we support rent strikes, consumer boycotts, anti-tax protests, protests against deterioration of transport services, health care and education. Community organisation is dovetailed with industrial organisation.

These activities are defensive against the encroaching power of capital to become offensive by initiating the social general strike which would be the decisive battle and the prelude to the social revolution; the revolution of reconstruction.

4.

Reconstruction means the abolition of wage slavery. Production is for use instead of profit. Division of labour is replaced by integration of labour and education.

We negate remunerative differentials.

As services rendered to the community cannot be precisely measured we advocate free access to the means of life. Modern technology and scientific advance makes this industrially feasible.

5.

As war is the health of the state and capitalism we are anti-militarists and reject all frontiers. The world should be our country.

6.

We desire the equality of all regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, disability or culture. We demand responsible freedom of expression.

7.

We oppose the exploitation and mismanagement of natural resources. We seek to live in harmony with our environment and reject the exploitation of all creatures.

We celebrate our differences and what we each believe beyond this.

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH NOT OUR WEAKNESS!

N.B. These Aims and Principles were passed and accepted at the meeting which was arranged for this purpose on December 4, by the entire group at the main organisation meeting for the centre. All in attendance at the time agreed to this and we hope all find them acceptable as a lot of work was done by all concerned and the group have been working on this since the summer school last year.